



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 25, 2002

### **H.R. 5097**

#### **A bill to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virgin Islands**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources  
on September 12, 2002*

H.R. 5097 would expand the boundary of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve by roughly 30 acres. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost the federal government between \$6 million and \$8 million over the next three or four years and about \$0.3 million annually thereafter. H.R. 5097 would not affect receipts or direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

CBO estimates that the National Park Service (NPS) would spend between \$2 million and \$3 million in 2003 to purchase an existing house on about nine acres of land adjacent to the park. We expect that the remaining acreage would be donated to the NPS, also in that year. We estimate it would cost between \$4 million and \$5 million to develop the house into a multipurpose visitor and administrative center and to improve road access. Finally, CBO estimates that it would cost \$0.3 million a year to operate the new center starting in 2005 or 2006. These estimates are based on information provided by the NPS and assume appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.